What I claim as my invention is:

## 1-3. (canceled)

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- (amended) An aircraft with a main body, a primary lifting mechanism and a secondary lifting mechanism,
- which main body has a forward end and an aft end,
  with the primary lifting mechanism and the secondary
  lifting mechanism connected to the main body of
  the aircraft in tandem order, and with the aircraft
  able to achieve flight by means of upward
- forces exerted on the main body of the aircraft
  by the primary lifting mechanism and the
  secondary lifting mechanism while the primary
  lifting mechanism and the secondary lifting
  mechanism are connected to the main in-
- 15 body of the aircraft in tandem order,

and which primary lifting mechanism comprises a rotor, an engine assembly, and a plurality of blades, with the said blades connected to the rotor, and which said engine assembly is able to rotate the said rotor, with the blades connected to the rotor such that when the rotor is rotated by the said engine assembly air can be forced in a downward direction by means of the blades rotating around the rotor, with the primary lifting mechanism able to exert an upward force on the forward end of

the main body of the aircraft by forcing air in a downward direction by way of the blades rotating around the rotor,

and the secondary lifting mechanism consists of a jet engine, which jet engine is attached to the secondary tilt enabling joint such that the jet engine is able to force exhaust gases to travel in a downward direction and such that by forcing exhaust gases to travel in a downward direction the jet engine can exert an upward force on the aft end of the main body,

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and which primary lifting mechanism is connected
to the main body of the aircraft by a tilt
enabling joint such that during flight of the
aircraft the primary lifting mechanism can be
tilted in a plurality of directions and angles
relative to the main body of the aircraft, in
a controlled manner, and such that the primary
lifting mechanism can be tilted in lateral
directions relative to the main body of the
aircraft during flight of the aircraft,
controlled tilting of the primary lifting mechanism in
lateral directions relative to the main body of the
aircraft is able to occur during flight of the aircraft,

and such that a direction of travel of the aircraft during flight can be altered by altering the

lateral direction or angle of tilt of the primary lifting mechanism relative to the main body of the aircraft, and which said tilt enabling joint is a primary tilt enabling joint, with the primary lifting mechanism able to exert an upward force on the forward end of the main body of the aircraft through the primary tilt enabling joint, and which secondary lifting mechanism is connected to the main body of the aircraft by an additional tilt enabling joint, which said additional tilt enabling joint is a secondary tilt enabling joint, and which said secondary lifting mechanism is connected to the main body of the aircraft by the secondary tilt enabling joint such that during flight of the aircraft the secondary lifting mechanism can be tilted in a plurality of directions and angles relative to the main body of the aircraft, in a controlled manner, and such that the secondary lifting mechanism can be tilted in lateral directions relative to the main body during flight of the aircraft, and such that a direction of travel of the aircraft during flight can be altered by altering

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the lateral direction or angle of tilt of the secondary lifting mechanism relative to the main body, and which secondary tilt enabling joint is such that the secondary lifting mechanism can be tilted in a controlled manner in a lateral direction with respect to the main body of the aircraft during flight of the aircraft that is opposite to a lateral direction that the primary lifting mechanism can be tilted in with respect to the main body of the aircraft by means of the primary tilt enabling joint during flight of the aircraft,

and the secondary lifting mechanism consists of a jet engine, which jet engine is attached to the secondary tilt enabling joint such that the jet engine is able to force exhaust gases to travel in a downward direction and such that by forcing exhaust gases to travel in a downward direction the jet engine can exert an upward force on the aft end of the main body,

and which secondary lifting mechanism is able

to exert an upward force on the aft end of the

main body of the aircraft through the secondary.

tilt enabling joint, with the primary tilt enabling

joint and the secondary tilt enabling joint connected to the main body of the aircraft, and with the aircraft able to achieve flight by means of an upward force exerted on the main body of the aircraft 5 by the primary lifting mechanism through the primary tilt enabling joint and an upward force exerted on the main body of the aircraft by the secondary lifting mechanism through the secondary tilt enabling joint while the 10 primary lifting mechanism and the secondary lifting mechanism are maintained in tandem order. order. and with controlled lateral tilting of the -primary-lifting-mechanism and the secondary lifting -mechanism-able to occur-during flight

while the

- 15 primary lifting mechansim and the secondary lifting.

  mechanism are maintained in tandem order.
  - (original) The aircraft of claim 4 wherein the said jet engine is a turbojet.
- 6. (original) The aircraft of claim 4 wherein the said jet20 engine is a turbofan.

7. (amended) An aircraft with a main body, a primary lifting mechanism and a secondary lifting mechanism, which main body has a forward end and an aft end, with the primary lifting mechanism and the secondary lifting mechanism connected to the main body of the aircraft in tandem order, and with the aircraft able to achieve flight by means of upward forces exerted on the main body of the aircraft by the primary lifting mechanism and the secondary lifting mechanism while the primary lifting mechanism and the secondary lifting mechanism are connected to the main body of the aircraft in tandem order.

and which primary lifting mechanism comprises a rotor, an engine assembly, and a plurality of blades, with the said blades connected to the rotor, and which said engine assembly is able to rotate the said rotor, with the blades connected to the rotor such that when the rotor is rotated by the said engine assembly air can be forced in a downward direction by means of the blades rotating around the rotor, with the primary lifting mechanism able to exert an upward force on the forward end of the main body of the aircraft by forcing air in a

downward direction by way of the blades rotating around the rotor,

and the secondary lifting mechanism consists of
a plurality of jet engines, which jet engines
are attached to the secondary tilt enabling joint
such that the jet engines are able to force
exhaust gases to travel in a downward direction
and such that by forcing exhaust gases to travel
in a downward direction the jet engines can exert
an upward force on the aft end of the main body,

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and which primary lifting mechanism is connected to the main body of the aircraft by a tilt enabling joint such that during flight of the aircraft the primary lifting mechanism can be tilted in a plurality of directions and angles relative to the main body of the aircraft, in a controlled manner, and such that the primary lifting mechanism can be tilted in lateral directions relative to the main body of the aircraft during flight of the aircraft.

controlled tilting of the primary lifting mechanism in

lateral directions relative to the main body of the

aircraft is able to occur during flight of the aircraft,

and such that a direction of travel of the

aircraft during flight can be altered by

altering the lateral direction or angle of

tilt of the primary lifting mechanism relative

to the main body of the aircraft, and which said tilt enabling joint is a primary tilt enabling joint, with the primary lifting mechanism-able to exert an upward force on the forward end of the main body of the aircraft through the primary tilt enabling joint, and which secondary lifting mechanism is connected to the main body of the aircraft by an additional tilt enabling joint, which said additional tilt enabling joint is a secondary tilt enabling joint, and which said secondary lifting mechanism is connected to the main body of the aircraft by the secondary tilt enabling joint such that during flight of the aircraft the secondary lifting mechanism can be tilted in a plurality of directions and angles relative to the main body of the aircraft, in a controlled manner, and such that the secondary lifting mechanism can be tilted in lateral directions relative to the main body during flight of the aircraft, and such that a direction of travel of the aircraft during flight can be altered by altering the lateral direction or angle of tilt of the

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secondary lifting mechanism relative to the main body, and which secondary tilt enabling joint is such that the secondary lifting mechanism can be tilted in a controlled manner in a lateral direction with respect to the main body of the aircraft during flight of the aircraft that is opposite to a lateral direction that the primary lifting mechanism can be tilted in with respect to the main body of the aircraft by means of the primary tilt enabling joint during flight of the aircraft,

and the secondary lifting mechanism consists of a plurality of jet engines, which jet engines are attached to the secondary tilt enabling joint such that the jet engines are able to force exhaust gases to travel in a downward direction and such that by forcing exhaust gases to travel in a downward direction the jet engines can exert an upward force on the aft end of the main body, and which secondary lifting mechanism is able

to exert an upward force on the aft end of the main body of the aircraft through the secondary tilt enabling joint, with the primary tilt enabling joint and the secondary tilt enabling joint connected

to the main body of the aircraft, and with the aircraft able to achieve flight by means of an upward force exerted on the main body of the aircraft by the primary lifting mechanism through the primary tilt enabling joint and an upward 5 force exerted on the main body of the aircraft by the secondary lifting mechanism through the secondary tilt enabling joint while the primary lifting mechanism and the secondary 10 lifting mechanism are maintained in tandem order. order, and-with-controlled-lateral-tilting-of-the primary lifting mechanism and the secondary lifting mechanism able to occur during flight while the primary lifting mechansim and the secondary lifting. 15 meehanism are maintained in tandem order-

- (original) The aircraft of claim 7 wherein the said jet engines are turbojets.
- (original) The aircraft of claim 7 wherein the said jet engines are turbofans.

10. (amended) An aircraft with a main body, a primary lifting mechanism and a secondary lifting mechanism, which main body has a forward end and an aft end, with the primary lifting mechanism and secondary lifting mechanism connected to the main body of the aircraft in tandem order, and with the aircraft able to achieve flight by means of upward forces exerted on the main body of the aircraft by the primary lifting mechanism and the secondary lifting mechanism while the primary lifting mechanism while the primary mechanism are connected to the main in body of the aircraft in tandem orders

which primary lifting mechanism is a turboprop, and which primary lifting mechanism is attached to the primary tilt enabling joint such that air can be forced in a downward direction by the primary lifting mechanism, and such that by forcing air in a downward direction the primary lifting mechanism is able to exert an upward force on the forward end of the main body of the aircraft,

and the secondary lifting mechanism consists of a jet engine, which jet engine is attached to the secondary tilt enabling joint such that the jet

engine is able to force exhaust gases to travelin a downward direction and such that by forcingexhaust gases to travel in a downward direction;
the jet engine can exert an upward force on the
aft end of the main body,

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and which primary lifting mechanism is connected to the main body of the aircraft by a tilt enabling joint such that during flight of the aircraft the primary lifting mechanism can be tilted in a plurality of directions and angles relative to the main body of the aircraft, in a controlled manner, and such that the primary lifting mechanism can be tilted in lateral directions relative to the main body of the aircraft during flight of the aircraft,

15 controlled tilting of the primary lifting mechanism in lateral directions relative to the main body of the ----aircraft is able to occur during flight of the aircraft, and such that a direction of travel of the aircraft during flight can be altered by 20 altering the lateral direction or angle of tilt of the primary lifting mechanism relative to the main body of the aircraft, and which said tilt enabling joint is a primary tilt enabling joint, with the primary liftingmechanism able to exert an upward force on the forward 25 end of the main body of the aircraft through the primary tilt enabling joint, and which secondary lifting

mechanism is connected to the main body of the aircraft by an additional tilt enabling joint, which said additional tilt enabling joint is a secondary tilt enabling joint, and which said secondary lifting mechanism is connected to the main body of the aircraft by the secondary tilt enabling joint such that during flight of the aircraft the secondary lifting mechanism can be tilted in a plurality of directions and angles relative to the main body of the aircraft, in a controlled manner, and such that the secondary lifting mechanism can be tilted in lateral directions relative to the main body during flight of the aircraft, and such that a direction of travel of the aircraft during flight can be altered by altering the lateral direction or angle of tilt of the secondary lifting mechanism relative to the main body, and which secondary tilt enabling joint is such that the secondary lifting mechanism can be tilted in a controlled manner in a lateral direction with respect to the main body of the aircraft during flight of the aircraft that is opposite to a lateral direction that the primary lifting mechanism

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can be tilted in with respect to the main body
of the aircraft by means of the primary tilt
enabling joint during flight of the aircraft,

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and the secondary lifting mechanism consists of a jet engine, which jet engine is attached to the secondary tilt enabling joint such that the jet engine is able to force exhaust gases to travel ----in a downward direction and such that by forcing \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ exhaust gases to travel in a downward direction ----the jet engine can exert an upward force on the aft end of the main body, ----and which secondary lifting mechanism is able

to exert an upward force on the aft end of the main body of the aircraft through the secondary tilt enabling joint, with the primary tilt enabling joint and the secondary tilt enabling joint connected

to the main body of the aircraft, and with the aircraft

able to achieve flight by means of an upward force exerted on the main body of the aircraft by the primary lifting mechanism through the primary tilt enabling joint and an upward force exerted on the main body of the aircraft by the secondary lifting mechanism through the secondary tilt enabling joint while the

primary lifting mechanism and the secondary

lifting mechanism are maintained in tandem order. order,
and with controlled lateral tilting of the

primary lifting mechanism and the secondary lifting

mechanism able to occur during flight while the
primary lifting mechanism and the secondary lifting
mechanism are maintained in tandem order.

- 11. (original) The aircraft of claim 9 wherein the said jet engine is a turbojet.
- 10 12. (original) The aircraft of claim 9 wherein the said jet engine is a turbofan.

13. (amended) An aircraft with a main body, a primary lifting mechanism and a secondary lifting mechanism, which main body has a forward end and an aft end, with the primary lifting mechanism and the secondary lifting mechanism connected to the main body of the aircraft in tandem order, and with the aircraft able to achieve flight by means of upward-forces exerted on the main body of the aircraft by the primary lifting mechanism and the secondary lifting mechanism while the primary lifting mechanism and the secondary lifting mechanism and the secondary lifting mechanism are connected to the main body of the aircraft in tandem order;

which primary lifting mechanism is a turboprop, and which primary lifting mechanism is attached to the primary tilt enabling joint such that air can be forced in a downward direction by the primary lifting mechanism, and such that by forcing air in a downward direction the primary lifting mechanism is able to exert an upward force on the forward end of the main body of the aircraft,

and the secondary lifting mechanism consists of a plurality of jet engines, which jet engines are attached to the secondary tilt enabling joint

exhaust gases to travel in a downward direction

and such that by forcing exhaust gases to travel

in a downward direction the jet engines can exert

an upward force on the aft end of the main body;

and which primary lifting mechanism is connected to the main body of the aircraft by a tilt enabling joint such that during flight of the aircraft the primary lifting mechanism can be tilted in a plurality of directions and angles relative to the main body of the aircraft, in a controlled manner, and such that the primary lifting mechanism can be tilted in lateral directions relative to the main body of the

15 aircraft during flight of the aircraft.

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controlled tilting of the primary lifting mechanism in lateral directions relative to the main body of the aircraft is able to occur during flight of the aircraft, and such that a direction of travel of the aircraft during flight can be altered by altering the lateral direction or angle of tilt of the primary lifting mechanism relative to the main body of the aircraft, and which said tilt enabling joint is a primary tilt enabling joint, with the primary lifting mechanism able to exert an upward force on the forward end of the main body of the aircraft through the primary tilt enabling joint, and which secondary lifting

mechanism is connected to the main body of the aircraft by an additional tilt enabling joint, which said additional tilt enabling joint is a secondary tilt enabling joint, and which said secondary lifting mechanism is connected to the main body of the aircraft by the secondary tilt enabling joint such that during flight of the aircraft the secondary lifting mechanism can be tilted in a plurality of directions and angles relative to the main body of the aircraft, in a controlled manner, and such that the secondary lifting mechanism can be tilted in lateral directions relative to the main body during flight of the aircraft, and such that a direction of travel of the aircraft during flight can be altered by altering the lateral direction or angle of tilt of the secondary lifting mechanism relative to the main body, and which secondary tilt enabling joint is such that the secondary lifting mechanism can be tilted in a controlled manner in a lateral direction with respect to the main body of the aircraft during flight of the aircraft that is opposite to a lateral direction that the primary lifting mechanism

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can be tilted in with respect to the main body of the aircraft by means of the primary tilt enabling joint during flight of the aircraft, and the secondary lifting mechanism consists of 5 a plurality of jet engines, which jet engines \_\_\_\_\_ are attached to the secondary tilt enabling joint \_\_\_\_\_\_ such that the jet engines are able to force ----exhaust gases to travel in a downward direction \_\_\_\_\_\_ and such that by forcing exhaust gases to travel 10 in a downward direction the jet engines can exert an upward force on the aft end of the main body, and which secondary lifting mechanism is able to-exert an upward force on the aft end of the main body of the aircraft through the secondary 15 tilt enabling joint, with the primary tilt enabling joint and the secondary tilt enabling joint connected to the main body of the aircraft, and with the aircraft able to achieve flight by means of an upward force exerted on the main body of the aircraft 20 by the primary lifting mechanism through the primary tilt enabling joint and an upward force exerted on the main body of the aircraft by the secondary lifting mechanism through the secondary tilt enabling joint while the

primary lifting mechanism and the secondary

lifting mechanism are maintained in tandem order. order,
and with controlled lateral tilting of the

primary lifting mechanism and the secondary lifting

mechanism able to occur during flight while the
primary lifting mechanism and the secondary lifting
mechanism are maintained in tandem order.

- 14. (original) The aircraft of claim 13 wherein the said jet engines are turbojets.
- 10 15. (original) The aircraft of claim 13 wherein the said jet engines are turbofans.

16-21. (canceled)

- 22. (original) The aircraft of claim 4 wherein the engine assembly of the primary liftingmechanism comprises a single engine.
  - 23. (original) The aircraft of claim 4 wherein the engine assembly of the primary lifting mechanism comprises a plurality of engines.
- 24. (original) The aircraft of claim 7 wherein20 the engine assembly of the primary lifting mechanism comprises a single engine.

25. (original) The aircraft of claim 7 wherein the engine assembly of the primary lifting mechanism comprises a plurality of engines.

26-29. (canceled)

- - 31. (canceled)
  - 32. (amended) The aircraft of any one of claims
    4 to 15 or 22 to 25 1 to 29 wherein
- the secondary lifting mechanism is connected to the main body by the secondary tilt enabling joint such that a part of the secondary lifting mechanism can be positioned behind—the main body of the aircraft by means of the secondary tilt enabling joint during flight of the aircraft.
- 20 33-35. (canceled)

- 36. (original) The aircraft of claim 30 wherein the secondary lifting mechanism is connected to the main body by the secondary tilt enabling joint such that part of the secondary lifting mechanism can be positioned behind the main body of the aircraft by means of the secondary tilt enabling joint during flight of the aircraft.
- 37. (canceled)

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- 38. (amended) The aircraft of any one of claims
  4 to 15 or 22 to 25 + 1 to 29 wherein
- the secondary lifting mechanism is connected to the main body by the secondary tilt enabling joint such that part of the secondary lifting mechanism can be positioned above the main body of the aircraft by means of the secondary tilt enabling joint during flight of the aircraft.
- 15 39. (original) The aircraft of claim 30 wherein the secondary lifting mechanism is connected to the main body by the secondary tilt enabling joint such that the secondary lifting mechanism can be positioned above the aft end of the main body of the aircraft by means of the secondary tilt enabling joint during flight of the aircraft.

40-41. (canceled)

42. (amended) The aircraft of any one of claims
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wherein the primary tilt enabling joint has a movement enabling assembly that enables the primary tilt enabling joint to move and a tilt activating mechanism that can cause and control the movement of the primary tilt enabling joint, and the secondary tilt enabling joint has a movement enabling assembly that allows the secondary tilt enabling joint to move and a tilt activating mechanism that causes and controls the movement of the secondary tilt enabling joint to occur, which movement enabling assembly of the secondary tilt enabling joint is a secondary movement enabling assembly, and which said tilt activating mechanism of the secondary tilt enabling joint is a secondary tilt activating mechanism.

43-52. (canceled)

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53. (original) The aircraft of claim of 42 wherein the movement enabling assembly of the primary tilt enabling joint is a plurality of hinges transversely connected to one another and the tilt activating mechanism of the primary tilt enabling 5 joint comprises as plurality of hydraulic actuators connected to the movement enabling assembly of the primary tilt enabling joint, and the movement enabling assembly of the secondary tilt 10 enabling joint is a universal joint, with the tilt activating mechanism of the secondary tilt enabling joint comprising a plurality of hydraulic actuators connected to the universal joint of the secondary tilt enabling joint.

54. (original) The aircraft of claim of 42 wherein the movement enabling assembly of the primary tilt enabling joint is a plurality of hinges transversely connected to one another and the tilt activating mechanism of the primary tilt enabling 5 joint comprises as plurality of hydraulic actuators connected to the movement enabling assembly of the primary tilt enabling joint, and the movement enabling assembly of the secondary tilt 10 enabling joint is a plurality of hinges transversely connected to one another with the tilt activating mechanism of the secondary tilt enabling joint comprising a plurality of hydraulic actuators connected to the movement enabling assembly of the secondary tilt enabling joint. 15

55. (original) The aircraft of claim of 42 wherein the movement enabling assembly of the primary tilt enabling joint is a universal joint and the tilt activating mechanism of the primary tilt enabling joint comprises as plurality of hydraulic actuators connected to the universal joint of the primary tilt enabling joint and the movement enabling assembly of the secondary tilt enabling joint is a plurality of hinges transversely connected to one another with the tilt activating mechanism of the secondary tilt enabling joint comprising a plurality of hydraulic actuators connected to the movement enabling assembly of the secondary tilt enabling joint.

56. (amended) The aircraft of any one of claims 4 to 15 or 22 to 25 1 to 29 wherein the primary lifting mechanism is connected to the main body of the aircraft by means of the primary tilt enabling 5 joint such that the primary lifting mechanism can be tilted in a forward direction and a rearward direction relative to the main body of the aircraft, in a controlled manner, by means of the primary tilt enabling joint and the secondary lifting mechanism is connected to the 10 main body of the aircraft by means of the secondary tilt enabling joint such that the secondary lifting mechanism can be tilted in a forward and rearward direction relative to the main body of the aircraft, in a controlled manner, by means of the secondary tilt 15 enabling joint.

57. (amended) The aircraft of claim 36 wherein the primary

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mechanism is connected to the main body of the aircraft by means of the primary tilt enabling joint such that the primary lifting mechanism can be tilted in a forward direction and a rearward direction relative to the main body of the aircraft, in a controlled manner, by means of the primary tilt enabling joint, and the secondary lifting mechanism is connected to the main body of the aircraft by means of the secondary tilt enabling joint such that the secondary lifting mechanism can be tilted in a forward and rearward direction relative to the main body of the aircraft, in a controlled manner, by means of the

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58. (original) The aircraft of claim 57 wherein the primary tilt enabling joint comprises a plurality of movement enabling assemblies that enable the primary tilt enabling joint to have a tilt motion and a plurality of tilt activating mechanisms that can cause and control the movement of the primary tilt enabling joint, and the secondary tilt enabling joint comprises a plurality of movement enabling assemblies that allow the secondary tilt enabling joint to move and a plurality of tilt activating mechanism that can cause and control the movement of the secondary tilt enabling joint.

59-85. (canceled)

86. (amended) The aircraft of any one of claims

4 to 15 or 22 to 25 1-to 29 wherein

the primary lifting mechanism and the secondary lifting
mechanism are connected to the main body of the aircraft
such that the primary lifting mechanism is further forward
with respect to the main body of the aircraft than is the

20 position of the secondary lifting mechanism with respect to
the main body of the aircraft.

87-89. (canceled)